

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A user interface system simplifies management of a clustered storage system by a user or system administrator. The user interface system comprises a Command Line Interface (CLI) and/or a Graphical User Interface (GUI) that supports virtual ports associated with a single physical port and multi-mode operation of ports in the clustered storage system. Management of the clustered storage system is further simplified through the use of a novel command set used to, *inter-alia*, set a cluster mode and set a USE_PARTNER attribute of an initiator group (igroup).